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In re the Application of:

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly enter the following amendment and remarks responsive to the Official

Action dated September 24, 2002.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Kindly add the abstract of the disclosure attached herewith on a separate sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amended claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of assigning time slots within a TDMA frame of a frequency channel to a plurality of calls between a base station and one or more mobile terminals, said calls being either real-time calls or non real-time calls and comprising at least one real-time call requiring a plurality of time slots per frame; the method comprising:

a1 determining which of said plurality of calls are real-time calls requiring allocation of a plurality of time slots in said TDMA frame; and

allocating said time slots in said frame to said real-time calls such that the plurality of time slots allocated to each of said real-time ^{calls} are mutually spaced apart in said ~~TDMA~~ frame in said frequency channel.

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